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In re the Application

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SIGNAL SUPERIMPOSED ON MUSIC OR ENVIRONMENTAL SOUND  
(as amended)

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.97(e)(1)

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In fulfillment of 37 CFR 1.97(c)(1) and 1.97(e)(1), it is hereby certified that each item of information contained in the attached Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication (see the attached copy of a Japanese Office Action dated February 19, 2008) from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

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